## WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3605

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served February 4, 1991

Application of TRAILWAYS COMMUTER ) Case No. AP-91-04 TRANSIT, INC., for Temporary ) Authority )

By application filed January 30, 1991, as supplemented February 4, 1991, Trailways Commuter Transit, Inc. (TCT or applicant), seeks temporary authority to transport passengers in irregular route operations between points in Montgomery County, Maryland, for the account of Montgomery County (the County).

The transportation would be performed under contract with the County. The service is proposed to commence February 16, 1991. It appears that the service to be provided represents Route Nos. 3, 4, 10, 14, 18, 25, and 28 of the County's "Ride-On" program. The service is scheduled, and the application may be consulted for the specifics of the schedule. The proposed transportation would be conducted using 22 vehicles each having a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 21 passengers. These vehicles are expected to be leased from Greyhound Lines, Inc. (Greyhound).

The application contains, among other things, detailed financial data, information regarding applicant's facilities, and a summary description of TCT's control relationship with Greyhound, its vehicle maintenance program, and its minimum driver requirements.

TCT has also filed, simultaneously with this application, an application for a Certificate of Authority. See Case No. AP-91-05. Also simultaneous with the filing of this application, Greyhound has filed an application for approval of common control with applicant. See Case No. AP-91-06.

The standards for temporary authority are set forth in the compact at Title II, Article XI, Section 13. The essential elements are (1) an immediate need for service, (2) no carrier available to meet such need, and (3) fitness of the applicant. See Order No. 2864, served May 23, 1986; Order No. 2857, served May 12, 1986; and Order No. 1643, served January 24, 1977.

This order will provide notice of TCT's application for temporary authority, and a brief period will be provided for the filing of protests, if any. No extension of time will be granted. The application is available for inspection at the office of the Commission during its regular business hours. THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that any person desiring to protest this application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 14 at the office of the Commission, Suite 703, 1828 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036, no later than Thursday, February 14, 1991, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on applicant's counsel William C. Evans, Esq., Suite 700, 901 - 15th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20005.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

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Executive Director